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H. R. 4005

To provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALDOMAVEGA, and Mr. UNDERWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
5 and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar
6 Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS**
2 **COMMEMORATING THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-**
3 **BIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.**

4 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
5 amended by inserting after subsection (m) the following
6 new subsection:

7 “(n) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING
8 QUARTER DOLLAR COMMEMORATING THE DISTRICT OF
9 COLUMBIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.—

10 “(1) REDESIGN IN 2009.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the
12 fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1) and sub-
13 section (d)(2) and subject to paragraph (6)(B),
14 quarter dollar coins issued during 2009, shall
15 have designs on the reverse side selected in ac-
16 cordance with this subsection which are em-
17 blematic of the District of Columbia and the
18 territories.

19 “(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO
20 PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwith-
21 standing subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may
22 select a design for quarter dollars issued during
23 2009 in which—

24 (i) the inscription described in the sec-
25 ond sentence of subsection (d)(1) appears

1 on the reverse side of any such quarter
2 dollars; and

3 (ii) any inscription described in the
4 third sentence of subsection (d)(1) or the
5 designation of the value of the coin ap-
6 pears on the obverse side of any such quar-
7 ter dollars.

8 “(2) SINGLE DISTRICT OR TERRITORY DE-
9 SIGN.—The design on the reverse side of each quar-
10 ter dollar issued during 2009 shall be emblematic of
11 one of the following: The District of Columbia, the
12 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American
13 Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the
14 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

15 “(3) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each of the 6 designs
17 required under this subsection for quarter dol-
18 lars shall be selected by the Secretary after con-
19 sultation with—

20 “(i) the chief executive of the District
21 of Columbia or the territory being com-
22 memorated, or such other officials or
23 group as the chief executive officer of the
24 District of Columbia or the territory may
25 designate for such purpose; and

1 “(ii) the Commission of Fine Arts.

2 “(B) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROC-
3 ESS.—Designs for quarter dollars may be sub-
4 mitted in accordance with the design selection
5 and approval process developed by the Sec-
6 retary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

7 “(C) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary may
8 include participation by District or territorial
9 officials, artists from the District of Columbia
10 or the territory, engravers of the United States
11 Mint, and members of the general public.

12 “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-
13 tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency
14 bear dignified designs of which the citizens of
15 the United States can be proud, the Secretary
16 shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate
17 design for any quarter dollar minted under this
18 subsection.

19 “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REP-
20 RESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders por-
21 trait or bust of any person, living or dead, and
22 no portrait of a living person may be included
23 in the design of any quarter dollar under this
24 subsection.

1 “(4) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For
2 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins mint-
3 ed under this subsection shall be considered to be
4 numismatic items.

5 “(5) ISSUANCE.—

6 “(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary
7 may mint and issue such number of quarter
8 dollars of each design selected under paragraph
9 (4) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the
10 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

11 “(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding
12 subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and
13 issue such number of quarter dollars of each
14 design selected under paragraph (4) as the Sec-
15 retary determines to be appropriate, with a con-
16 tent of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

17 “(C) SOURCES OF BULLION.—The Sec-
18 retary shall obtain silver for minting coins
19 under subparagraph (B) from available re-
20 sources, including stockpiles established under
21 the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Pil-
22 ing Act.

23 “(D) TIMING AND ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—
24 Coins minted under this subsection commemo-
25 rating the District of Columbia and each of the

territories shall be issued in equal sequential intervals during 2009 in the following order: the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

“(6) OTHER PROVISIONS.—

“(A) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF ADMISSION AS A STATE.—If the District of Columbia or any territory becomes a State before the end of the 10-year period referred to in subsection (l)(1), subsection (l)(7) shall apply, and this subsection shall not apply, with respect to such State.

“(B) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDEPENDENCE.—If any territory becomes independent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or possession of the United States before quarter dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of such territory are minted pursuant to this subsection, this subsection shall cease to apply with respect to such territory.

“(7) TERRITORY DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘territory’ means the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,

- 1 the United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-
- 2 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.

